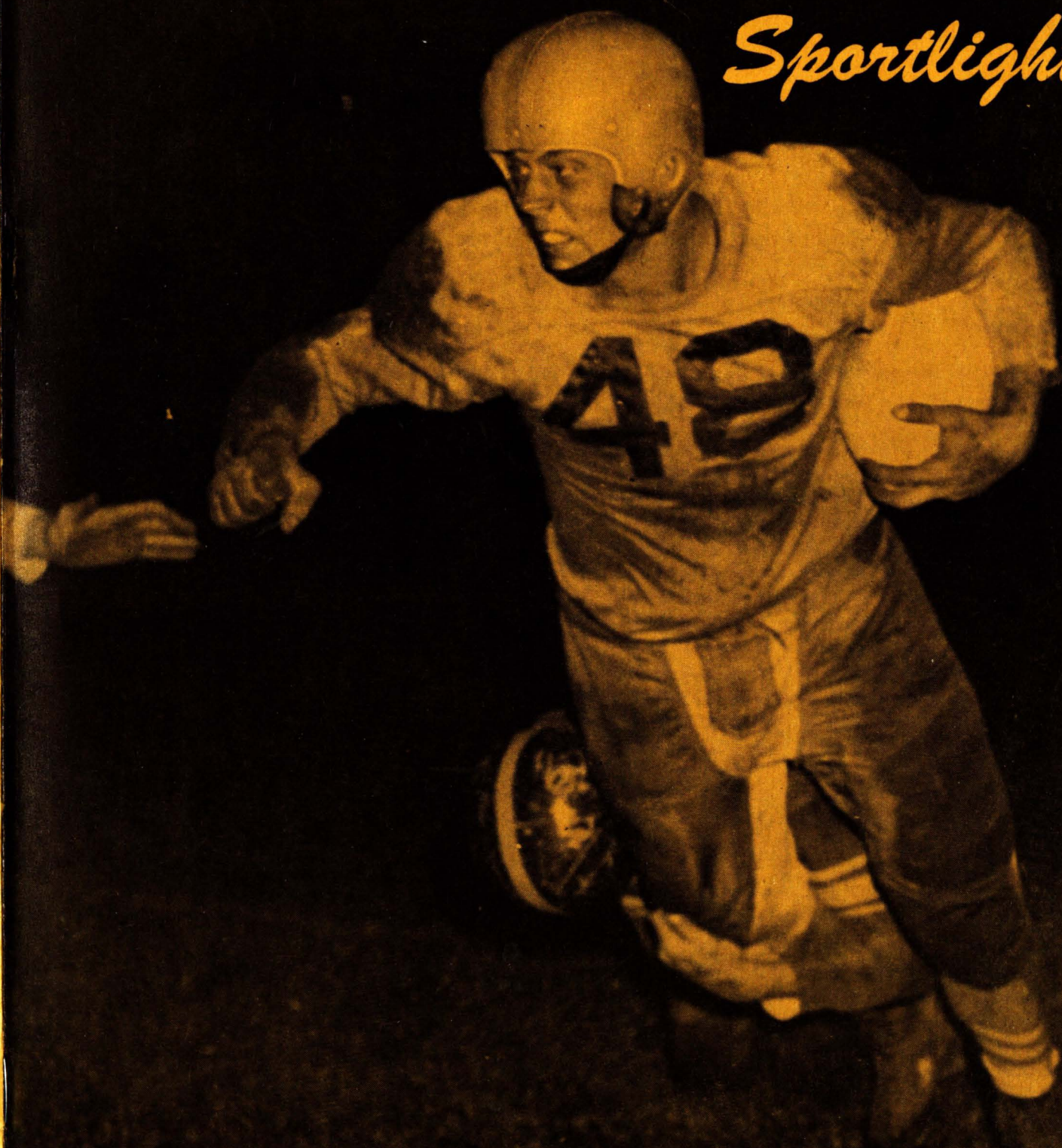


*The
Spotlight*



1953 FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE

It Happens Every Fall

By Bill Blankenburg, SDSC Journalism
Student

It happens every fall at State College, and there's not much you can do about it, except enjoy it.

It's something called football — not an uncommon sport anywhere in this country, but State College manages to keep thousands of folks from this area in an uproar each autumn, as the Jackrabbit grid team makes its annual bid for a conference championship.

There's a lot of football played in this area, and State College gets more than a fair share of fan attention. It's hard to tell why the game is particularly popular here; every follower seems to have a different reason.

As one storekeeper from a nearby city said, "you might say folks get more for their entertainment dollars at State games."

Another fan explained, "I suppose you could say I come out here to enjoy a battle of brawn and brain, of skill and courage. Maybe I do, but I'd rather say I get a huge kick out of watching those kids fight — pure and simple, a good fight."

During the contests all the potential of excitement locked in the spectators bubbles out, transforming different kinds of people into one voluble mass. Out of this mixture, elements of individual interest may be noted. Down a couple rows is the fellow who keeps as accurate a scorecard as the official timers, until the third quarter when in his excitement he drops his pencil — he's following the play too closely to be bothered with such trivia as record-keeping.

Across the way, a housewife and her husband try to outdo each other at calling the plays. More often than not, the wife guesses the quarterback's strategy, much to the chagrin of her husband. It seems the women around here know quite a bit about the sport.

Another place in the stands, a cloister of students strain their tonsils in a boisterous cheer for the team. Their coaxing seems to do some good, as the Jackrabbits come to life in a down-field drive. But this does not stop the students. Not until the final score flashes on the board does their cheering cease.

At one end of the stadium, a company of older fans tends to reminisce as the student voices cross the field. A large contingent of alumni follow the State College football fortunes, and the din of battle on the field returns them to their own undergraduate days. One of

them holds a high office in an out-of-state corporation, and when the game reaches a peak of furor, he wonders if he wouldn't just as soon be back with the students and their outspoken approval of the team. Some of the group have sons playing, and their feelings understandably go deeper than those of the average onlooker.

After the game, in a comfortable home, a stout fellow with an angular grin remarks to his neighbor how he particularly appreciated a certain guard's dexterity with his shoulders. "That fellow could take out two opposing guards and the center all by himself," he chuckles.

But his neighbor, in for a cup of coffee after the game, takes his pipe out of his mouth and assumes a quizzical air, saying, "Yeah, I think I know what you mean, but don't you ever notice how that same fellow drops his left foot back before he charges?"

At this point their wives enter from the kitchen. They too had seen the night's grid tussle, and had overheard their husbands' last few remarks. "Poof," they cluck, "bet you didn't even notice how nicely the band played during the halftime." But the husbands indignantly retort they had, and slyly added, "the twirlers weren't so bad either."

While this scene is being duplicated in other homes throughout this area, a jubilant group of students grinned across coffee cups in a college eating place.

"Fabulous," one exclaims, "absolutely fabulous."

"What are you mumbling about?" another asks, nibbling on a cookie.

"The game, of course. A tight one like that every Saturday could make a strong man weak. Your roommate looked good tonight."

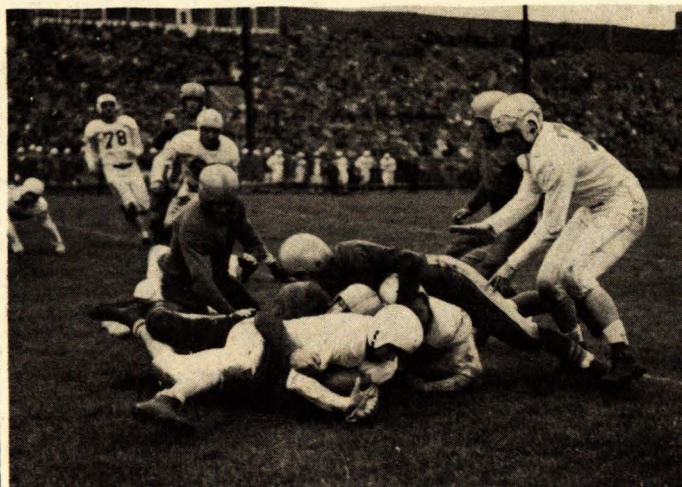
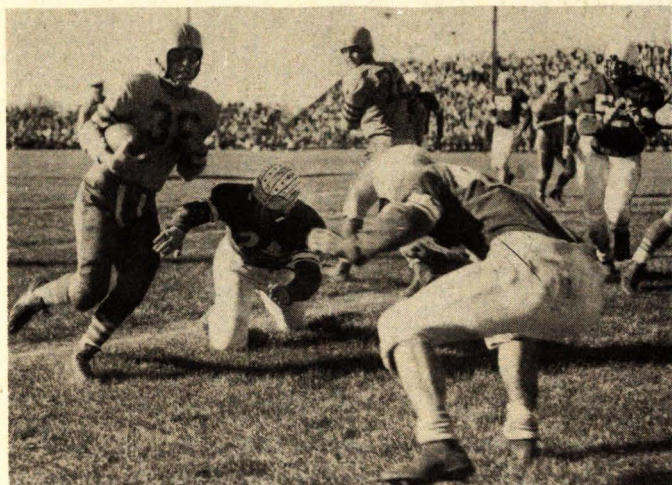
"Yeah, he did. I always enjoy seeing a game, but it's got more punch when you see people you know playing. His folks were here tonight, you know."

And so were a lot of other parents. Not all of them were fortunate enough to have sons on the team, but must claim a sort of parenthood over the men on the field.

There are a lot of things and a lot of people that make State College football a little bit more than an average event. One fellow summed it up: "Sure, I like football, but I like it twice as much here."

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FOOTBALL FOR THE PLAYERS



New rules will change the complexion of the 1953 football season. Fans, players and coaches will have to adjust to the changed regulations. Bob Danielsen, Jackrabbit line coach, gives "Sportlite" readers an idea of how the most important changes affect State College.



Once again the game of football will be run by the players. This may be a strong statement but it conveys the feeling of our staff, for the most part, toward the new substitution rule.

During the past few years we have been plagued with the free substitution rule. We had a kickoff team, a kickoff receiving team, an extra point team, an offensive team and a defensive team. Confusion reigned! For every situation we had a difficult time keeping track of personnel on the field. Fans never did know for sure who was playing, except for several key men.

The new rule changes the situation considerably. Players can no longer enter the game en masse after every play. When a player leaves the game during the first or third quarters, he may not return in that period. If he leaves during the first 11 minutes of the second and fourth quarters, he may return in the final four minutes of that period.

There may be some difficulty administering this rule at first but things should straighten out after a game or two.

No longer will the official take time out when the ball changes hands. Last year this was the occasion for mass substitution by both teams. This will probably shorten the game by a few minutes and will mean fewer plays in each game. As a result each play will become more important.



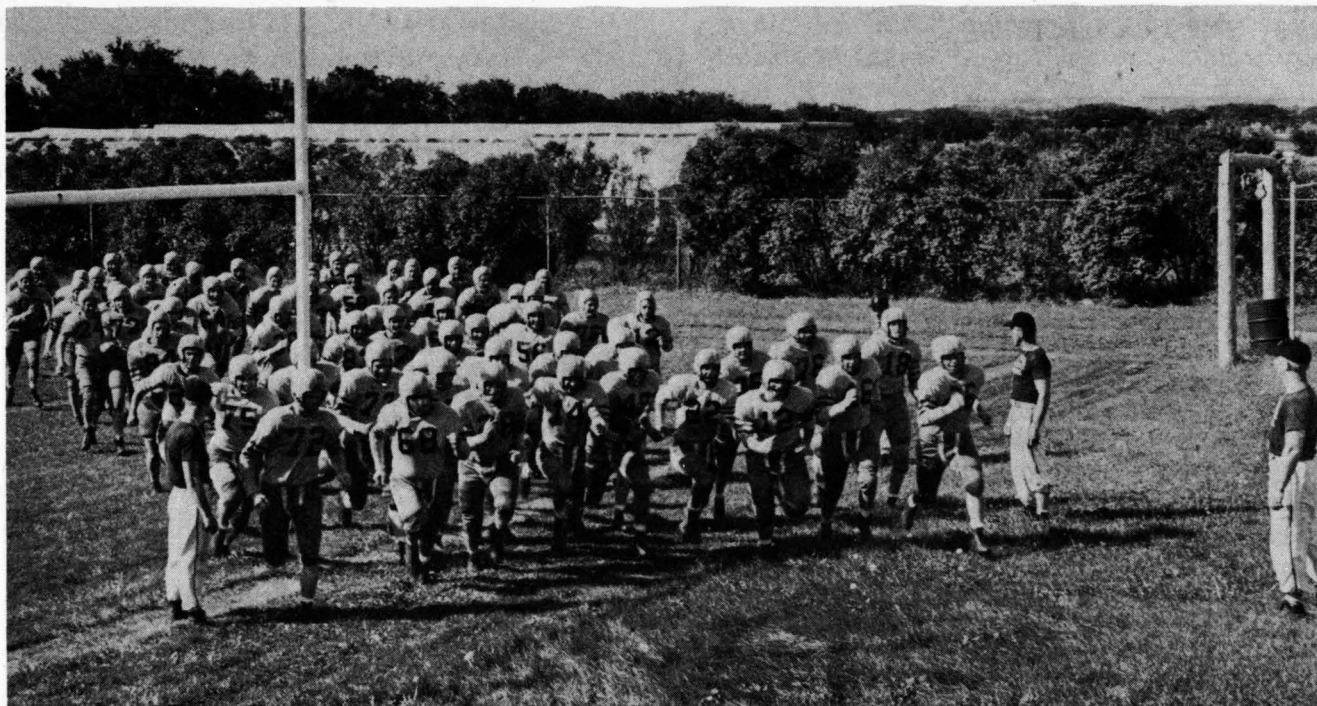
Another change spectators may notice concerns penalties during a punting play. In the past a violation of the rules by the receiving team would be nullified by the touching down of the ball by the kicking team after the punt. As a result members of the squad which kicked the ball would hover around the ball afraid to touch it.

This year the rules state that touching the ball as it bounces in front of the receiver will not offset a foul committed by the receiving team. We'll see linemen charging the ball this year and trying to down at the most advantageous spot except within the ten-yard line. Downing the ball in that territory will still be a touchback and give the opponents the ball on the 20.

Also new this year is a rule that pass interference by the defensive team results in an automatic first down.

These new rules will affect us as well as other teams. All teams will be stronger in most respects. A player on defense may be more reluctant to give up ground when he knows he will also play on offense.

Punting and kicking off will probably not be as good as in recent years. We probably won't see such big linemen on defense or so many scatbacks on offense. But the 11 men who have the most desire to play will be on the field most of the time and the team will be stronger as a whole.



Football will be turned back to the players this fall, says Bob Danielson, State College line coach. Under the free substitution rule nobody knew who was playing as hoards of players trotted on and off the field. This situation will be remedied under the new regulations which go into effect this year.

Players will have to be smarter to make the grade this year. Football becomes more complicated every year but this season all gridders will have to learn both offensive and defensive assignments rather than specializing on one or the other.

During spring practice we did considerable experimenting. The time allowed for drills was much too short to adjust to the changes but we moved players to new positions. Halfbacks were playing at the end positions, tackles were trying out at center and fullbacks were often seen at center and guard positions.

This was necessary to find those players who can do the best job on both offense and defense. There is still considerable work to do, especially with the defensive secondary, before we can hope to field any kind of a team.

The coaches were pleased with the way the players adjusted to their new positions and duties. If the men keep up the enthusiasm shown in drills, they can help make up for the lack of experience on the team.

Separate Schedule To Be Arranged For Frosh Team

A separate schedule for the State College freshman football squad will be arranged this fall. Although the first-year students are not eligible for varsity competition this season, they are not "cannon fodder" for the Jack-rabbits.

The full slate of three intercollegiate games allowed by the conference will be played against other frosh teams. On weeks when these tilts are not scheduled, intersquad games under the lights will be held.

Freshmen will be able to develop their talents at a more leisurely pace while adjusting to college life in their initial year. Then in spring drills they can make their bid for the varsity club when they have settled into the climate of college life.

News Bureau Helps Sportswriters

By Ed Blinn, SDSC Journalism Staff Member

One day Don Scannell will take a close look at the medical statistics — instead of the sports statistics of which he is en-amoured — and find he is ulcer-bound.

The 29-year-old South Dakota State College News Bureau Chief works the hours and accumulates the worries of an ulcer-ridden business executive. He isn't on a milk diet yet, but his present pace should eventually make him popular with the dairy interests.

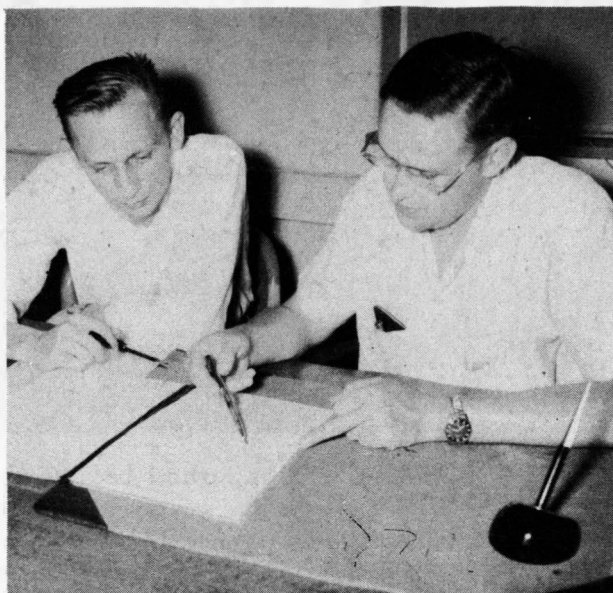
Scannell's year-round job calls for the distribution of information from all departments of the college, excepting that handled by the Extension Service. But the largest share of his time budget during the fall months is taken up by the State College football club.

From the time the Jackrabbits report for pre-season drills until the nine game schedule has run its course, Don is apt to be at double-time — the tempo increases to triple-time on game days.

Even before the season gets underway, however, the quiet, serious-minded Scannell is working to lessen the load of newspaper and radio sports men. Before the first contest is played, he sends out a 25-page dope book containing vital information on current and past editions of the football team — including such valuable bits as the schedule, results of games of preceding years, biographical sketches of players and coaching staff members, and full individual and team statistics for the previous year.

During the season, Scannell sends out regular sports releases almost daily to every radio station, daily newspapers and wire service office in the state. His releases include pre-game and post-game stories, statistics, sidelight yarns and some features on the club and individual players. The releases also go to all newspapers, radio stations and publicity offices at colleges listed on the Jackrabbit schedule.

In addition, to South Dakota newspapers and radio stations and opponent institutions,



News Bureau Chief Don Scannell (right) explains football statistics charts to Bill Kunerth of the journalism department.

the Scannell releases are sent to any publication and radio station with circulation within the state. On the list are such papers as the **Denver Post**, **Des Moines Register and Tribune**, **Rocky Mountain News** and the **Minneapolis Star and Tribune**.

By far the biggest day of the year for the entire college family is Hobo Day, annual SDSC homecoming celebration, of which the climax is always a top game on the football schedule. The entire college and its alumni, win or lose, has a big time, but Scannell does little work.

One of the more important duties of the News Bureau head during the football season involves supervision of the press box, and it's on Hobo Day occasions that Scannell is at his peak — or is scaling his peak. The State Field box is a new one, having been built only two years ago with increased comfort and capacity in mind. On Hobo Days that capacity is strained.

Two years ago, when Hobo Day and the traditional rivalry with South Dakota Univer-

sity were combined, Scannell found himself faced with the largest aggregation of sports writers, scouts, spotters, radio men, statisticians and photographers ever to invade his top-of-the-field domain. Seventy persons jammed the box.

On days such as that one, Don's wife, Ann, calls him to a light, 7 a. m. breakfast, the last full meal he'll have time for until late evening.

In his capacity as general information specialist, Don usually spends Hobo Day mornings assisting newspaper and radio men with their coverage of the famous Hobo Day parade before arriving at the State Field press box shortly after noon.

Long before the Jackrabbits have come out on the field to run through their split-T plays, he has made last-minute checks to assure himself things are ready to run smoothly.

Once the game is underway, and his guests in advantageous positions in the box, Scannell busies himself with statistics and his crew of three statisticians. The stats are compiled at half time and again after the contest ends and given to the sports writers and radio men via a public address system in the press box. The working press and radio men usually record the figures on a specially devised form for easy scanning.

While the guests are wolfing half-time coffee and hotdogs donated by the State College chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, and the athletic department's Monogram Club, Don, coffee cup in one hand and dog in the other, tours the box to see things are going well and to renew contacts with the visiting news men from papers and stations in South Dakota and nearby states.

After gridiron activities have been completed and Coach Ralph Ginn's Jacks have pleased or displeased State College rooters, Don sends a couple of his student assistants to phones to supply coverage for papers requesting stories, and settles into the routine of giving final stats over the PA system, answering questions and extending a helping hand whenever needed.

An hour or so later, he makes a last check of the box, then closes it tight and heads for

home, Ann and the couple's 2-year-old daughter, Vicki. Eleven hours more or less after that light breakfast, State College's publicity man sits down to a full meal.

Saturday night, Scannell and a student assistant are back on the job computing statistics, for it is their task to send weekly the accumulated figures on the Jacks to the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau—the statistical bureau of the National Collegiate Athletic Association — and to the statistical office of the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics. State College figures are filed and compared with those for other small colleges in a class separate from that of the major colleges.

Only then is Don, a native-born Iowan, ready to take off in his preparations for the next week's gridiron clash — pre-game and post-game yarns, sidelight stories, planning press box positions, etc. And the institution's general coverage must be sandwiched into the work schedule. An eight-hour day often isn't enough.

Scannell reported to his immediate boss, George Phillips, head of the school's printing and rural journalism department, August 1, 1951, after being awarded a master of arts degree by the State University of Iowa, the institution from which he acquired his bachelor's in 1948. Mixed into the decade between 1942, when he began his studies at SUI, and his reporting to Phillips, Scannell spent three years in the army as an infantryman and several years picking up experience in sports writing and editing and publicity work, much of it simultaneously with a full academic schedule.

For two years—1948-50—Iowa State Teachers College's enterprising Sports Publicity Director was a guy named Don Scannell. While at the Cedar Falls, Iowa, school Don wrote and published a widely quoted and read booklet, **"Public Relations for the Coach,"** perhaps the only piece of writing ever done on the subject.

What does the guy do in his spare time? He probably sends out personal publicity on Vicki to friends and relatives. But it doesn't seem to matter — ulcers or not, sports people and the State College family will continue to like the hardworking guy.

"Always Sure of a Seat"—

I Like the Job

—Says Veteran Timer

By Bill Kunerth
SDSC Journalism Staff Member

After working nearly 15 years as timekeeper for over 500 sporting events, you'd expect a man to come up with a few gripes concerning the job. That's not the case with Professor H. B. MacDougal, official timekeeper for South Dakota State College.

MacDougal, a cherubic, friendly personality, who also finds time to fulfill his duties as head of the mathematics department at State, says he "thoroughly enjoys" the job of timekeeper, has "no beef" with the fans and adds, "with this job, you're always assured of a seat, regardless of how full the house is or how late you arrive at a game."

MacDougal has become a familiar figure with State College fans as he saunters into the football press box fifteen seconds before the start of a game, calmly seats himself, runs his hands through his crew haircut and presses the buzzer for the start of the game.

MacDougal's officiating career began in 1939 when Bob Coffey was appointed athletic director at State. The athletic department was fresh out of timekeepers and scorekeepers. The math professor was given his choice of "volunteering" for either job. He chose timekeeping and has been at it ever since, not missing a single home football game and being absent from only two basketball games.

MacDougal had no background or previous experience to qualify him for the job, outside of being a red hot sports fan and possessing a Master's degree in mathematics, but he took over the timer's watch and fared so well that he hasn't been involved in a serious squabble during his fourteen year stretch of duty.

MacDougal was born in Toledo, Ohio, but soon moved to Liberty, Ind., deep in the heart of what he calls the "nation's best basketball country."



... "Mac" at work ...

He participated in all of the high school sports available, but found himself too small for varsity athletics when he enrolled at Miami (Ohio) University. He did play a considerable amount of tennis—a non-varsity sport at Miami — and continues to play a few sets each year here at State in his job as tennis coach. He admits this "isn't tennis country," but he and the tennis team find plenty of enjoyment and tough enough competition to keep their interest in the game at a high level.

MacDougal received his A.B. in mathematics—along with a Phi Beta Kappa key—at Miami. A few months later he enrolled at Iowa University where he received his Master's degree in math.

To make the grade financially while attending college, MacDougal found himself working summer months as a plumber, bookkeeper and gas meter reader. During the school year he labored as a "paper grader" at 35 cents an hour.

So far as timekeeping is concerned MacDougal figures that today it's "easier in some ways, tougher in others," than when he started on the job.

One innovation which MacDougal thinks has helped sports, but made it a little rougher on the timekeeper has been the introduction of the scoreboard clock. "We used to use stop watches and our work was private. Nowadays, everyone can see the clock, and as a result you have several thousand assistant timekeepers at every game." However, he adds that the "big clock" is a valuable aid to players and provides an important service to the fans.

MacDougal thinks recent basketball rule changes which have speeded up play also make it a bit more difficult for the timekeeper. Technically, he says, the responsibility for stopping the clock lies with the referees in an athletic event. It is their job to signal the timekeeper whenever the clock should be stopped. But basketball referees with all of their added duties sometimes forget or find it impossible to notify the timekeeper. Because of this MacDougal spends several hours each season poring over the rule book changes so he'll be able to interpret the rules himself.

Other basketball rule changes, especially the dead ball ruling, have worked some hardships on coaches, MacDougal thinks. Until two years ago, the clock was stopped during the last three minutes of a game each time the referee blew the whistle, thus allowing a coach to send in a substitute. Today the clock is stopped only for fouls, a held ball, or when the basketball is lost in the stands. As a result, coaches often have to wait several minutes to send in a substitute while the opposing team may be racking up points.

A rule change which many basketball fans are not aware of and which often causes the familiar chant of "start the clock" concerns the ruling on a dead ball which has been taken out of bounds. Previously, "time was in" as soon as the ball left the hands of the player passing it in from out of bounds. Now the clock does not start until the ball is touched by another player. MacDougal points out that this innocent appearing rule takes on added significance during the closing seconds of a tight game as teams toss desperation passes from one end of the court to the other.

Timekeeping a football game has become a pleasanter job, according to MacDougal, since the timer's table has been moved from the sidelines into the comfort of the press box.

He thinks the toughest job for the timekeeper in football is to translate accurately the officials' signals on plays in which the motion of the ball carrier may or may not be stopped. He also points out a misconception many football fans have regarding the last play of the game. Most of them do not realize that although the clock has run out, the gun is never sounded until the ball is dead after the last play has been run. This was illustrated in the SDSC-North Dakota state game six years ago in which North Dakota punted in the last few seconds

of the game only to have State's Dud Melichar return the kick 60 yards for the lone score. According to MacDougal the newspapers carried a story the next day that said the gun went off as Melichar passed the 50-yard line. One of the coaches said he thought it went off as Melichar was at the 20. MacDougal explained, "Naturally, I didn't fire the gun until Melichar was across the goal line and the ball was dead."

Though he escaped any serious disagreements in his reign as official timer, MacDougal has been on the receiving end of several practical jokes, including the tossing of a dead duck onto the basketball court after the firing of the timer's gun.

The veteran timer's best story concerns a college photographer who, near the end of a basketball game, crawled under the timer's table to take an action picture. Unaware of the photog's presence, MacDougal pointed the gun under the table and fired it, ending the game. The concussion from the blank cartridge spread eagled the photographer onto the court. Dubious fans were circling the timekeeper in the manner of Texas vigilantes when the photographer sprang to his feet and explained everything.

MacDougal isn't the only sports enthusiast in his family. His wife, Eloise, attends all of the ball games, while his 16-year-old daughter, Mary; and his 15-year-old twin sons, Herbert and Harold take in their share. Incidentally these boys promise to make their own headlines in tennis. Both have competed in the state high school tennis tournament.

Mrs. MacDougal has become a critical basketball observer and though MacDougal hastens to point out that "she's not a back seat driver" insofar as his job is concerned, she does tend to mention after a game any "flubs" she thinks her husband might have made. Her comments probably stem from the good-natured ribbing she often takes during a game from fans who are quick to shout out, "Guess your husband fluffed that one," or "You better tell him about that one when you get home."

When asked whether he ever gets nervous or finds his job a difficult one, MacDougal counters, "Nope. It's an easy job. If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it."

After talking with him for an hour, it is easy to realize why this composed, yet energetic Scotchman is a capable timekeeper. It is difficult to imagine him being flustered.

Sleepless Nights for Coaches—

State Faces Tough Schedule

If the coaching staff didn't have enough worries about rules changes and an inexperienced squad, one look at the schedule facing the 1953 Jackrabbits would be enough to give the mentors sleepless nights.

From beginning to end, the nine-game slate promises to be plenty tough. The first contest is against the highly-touted Marquette, one of the top independent teams in the country, and the final tilt sends the Jacks to do battle with Wichita University of the Missouri Valley league. Between these games the State team meets each of the six other clubs in the North Central conference and St. John's University of the Minnesota College conference.

Three weeks after fall grid camp opens, the Jacks head for Milwaukee, Wisc., to test Marquette's eleven in a night contest. The Golden Avalanche is noted for its top football teams and will be out to skin the Jackrabbits.

One week later, Sept. 26, State is host to the perennial defending North Central champions, Iowa Teachers. Once again the first home contest of the year will be labeled "Friendly Neighbor Night" and folks from towns near Brookings will be feted.

North Dakota University is next for the Jackrabbits as the Sioux are laying in wait in their Grand Forks lair to gain revenge for the 60-6 defeat suffered last year.

Sioux Falls is the next stop for the Rabbits as they help Augustana celebrate its homecoming Oct. 10. With a new coach at the helm, Augie will be out to make up for past reverses at the hands of State.

Hobo Day, Oct. 17, will find the Jacks squaring off against St. John's, a strong representative of the Gopher state. Sharing the spotlight will be the annual Hobo Day parade with crowds up to 35,000 watching the bums and hoboettes as well as the beautiful floats, visiting bands and royalty.

The following week the Jacks will attempt to even the score against North Dakota State in the Parents Day game at Brookings. For the past two years the Bison have hurt favored Rabbit clubs. This year the northern club will probably be in the favorite role and, the Jacks hope, ready for a dose of their own medicine.

Arch-rival South Dakota University comes to town Oct. 31 for the traditional clash between the state's two biggest schools. The Little Brown Jug is again at stake as the Jacks and Coyotes face each other on the gridiron.

1953 GRID SLATE

Sept. 19—Marquette, away (8:00)
Sept. 26—*Iowa Teachers, home (8:00)
(Friendly Neighbors Night)
Oct. 3—*North Dakota U., away (8:00)
Oct. 10—*Augustana, away (2:00)
Oct. 17—St. John's, home (2:00)
(Hobo Day)
Oct. 24—*North Dakota State, home (8:00)
(Parents Day)
Oct. 31—*South Dakota U., home (2:00)
Nov. 7—*Morningside, away (8:00)
Nov. 14—Wichita U., away (8:00)
*North Central Conference game

Closing North Central contest for State will be at Sioux City, Iowa, Nov. 7, against Morningside. The Maroons have been tough customers for the Jacks to handle in recent years although State has managed to be the victor in close games.

Wichita University provides the opposition for the final game on the 1953 schedule. The Missouri Valley conference team will be host to the Jackrabbits Nov. 14, in the re-opening of a series that was interrupted in 1938.

For a closer look at the teams which will appear at State field this season, here is a summary of prospects from those schools.

Iowa Teachers — Coach Buck Starbeck says prospects are very mediocre as the Panthers prepare to defend their loop title. Probably 14 lettermen will return, seven were graduated and four others went into service. Players to watch are Halfback Art Landau, Halfback Bill Olson, Fullback Ralph Capitani and End Dick Beetsch. Olson led the team in rushing last season, Beetsch led the club in scoring to become the first end to claim that honor at Teachers, Capitani completed nine of 24 passes and Landau had a rushing average of 4.4 yards per try.

St. John's — Looking forward to the 1953 season with enthusiasm. Good material will be at the disposal of new coach John Gagliardi who has an all-time record of 65 wins, 12 losses and two ties. The Johnnies' line is expected to be better than ever and it was the strong point in the club's fourth place finish last year in the conference. Backfield positions are doubtful but 15 of 27 lettermen are returning from the

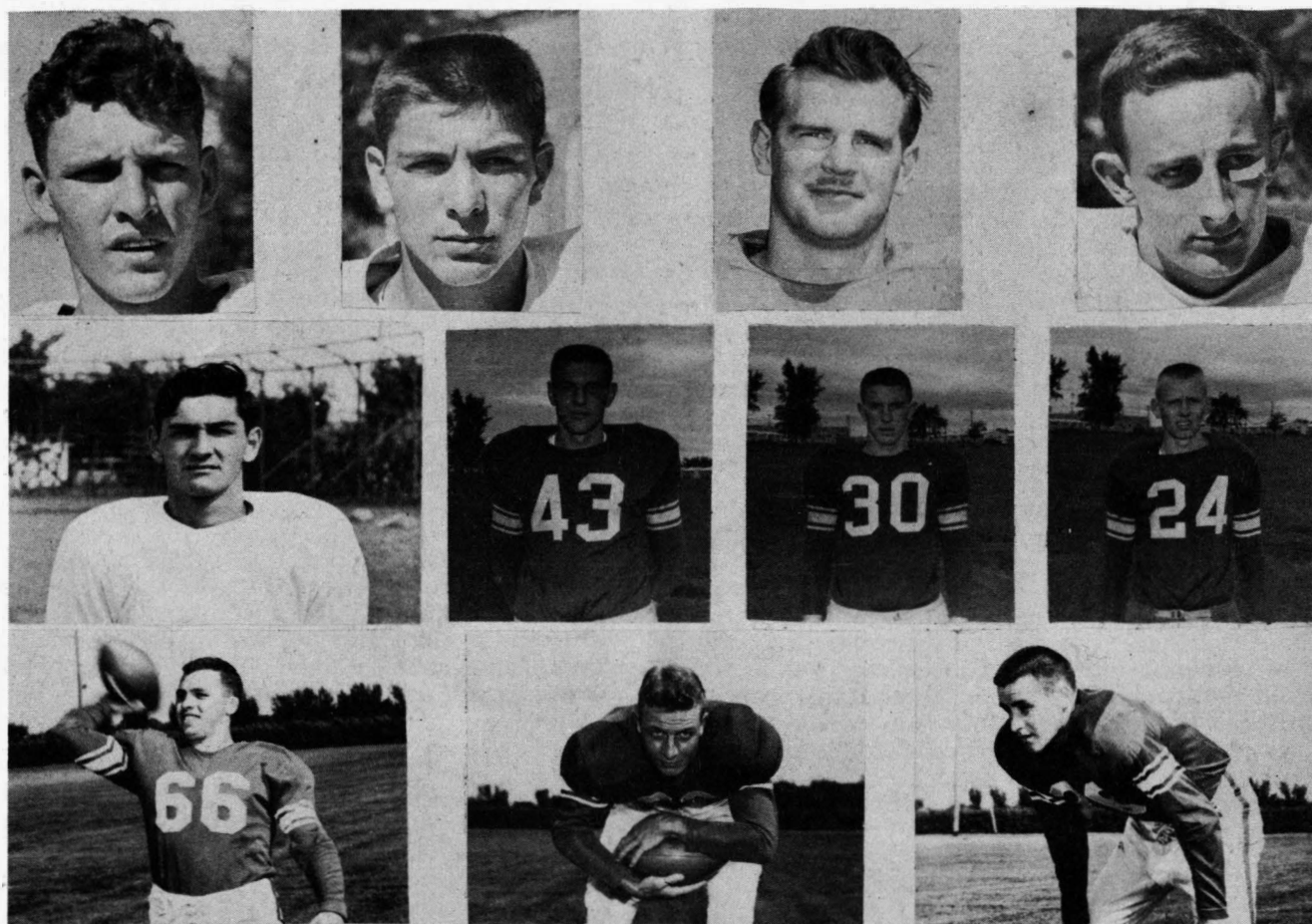
team which won five and lost three last season. Probable stars include Jeb Vachuska, pass catching end; Casey Vilandre, leading ground gainer, and tackles Dick Coy and Jim Sexton. Vachuska and Vilandre are co-captains.

North Dakota State — Only seven of the 27 lettermen will not return for another season unless something unforeseen develops. Even the coaches concede that the "outlook will not be too dim." New rules on substitution won't hurt the Bison linemen but the backs will have to learn dual roles. Some of the outstanding players to watch for are Frank Esposito, all-conference quarterback; Bob Lauf, all-loop tackle; Glenn Hill, end; Dale Wallentine, halfback; John Sowa, fullback, and Bill Beckwith and Paul Werner, tackles.

South Dakota University — Prospects for another winning season are bright. The Coyotes

have good shock troops but lack depth. Fourteen lettermen are expected back this fall and may be joined by two others. Coach Harry Gamage has juggled his lineup to plug several holes left by graduation and injuries. Likely to be the outstanding performers are Ordell Braase, all conference tackle; Arlin Haakinson, regular fullback who is now a guard; Bob Otto, now an end after two years as a regular guard; Fred Rovere, shifted to fullback, and Ralph Polenz, regular quarterback for two years who was transferred to halfback because of a bad shoulder. Mickey McDowell could be a top quarterback if he masters the switch from the single wing to the split-T.

No matter how you look at it, the 1953 opponents are a tough lot and will do their best to give our Jackrabbits a bad time.



Among the players who will cause the Jackrabbits trouble this fall are these gridders. Shown in the top row left to right are Iowa Teachers players, Dick Beetsch, Ralph Capitani, Art Landau and Bill Olson. North Dakota State gridders in the second row are Frank Esposito, Bob Lauf, John Sowa and Dale Wallentine. South Dakota University performers in the bottom row are Ralph Polenz, Fred Rovere and Bob Waggoner.

Prospects Are Unpredictable

New Rules and Inexperienced Squad Will Hurt Jackrabbits

Unpredictable is the best way to describe Jackrabbit prospects for the 1953 football season. The new substitution rule makes it difficult for any team to be stable. In addition to these problems, State will have an inexperienced squad, which usually indicates an unpredictable year.

The coaches are not discouraged about prospects but there are too many "ifs" involved at many positions to forecast a great year. Should all the questions and problems be solved successfully, the Jacks could make their mark.

The Jackrabbit performers will pack more weight than their predecessors but will likely be slower afoot. Speed is no problem at several spots but team speed appears to leave something to be desired.

Peering into the crystal ball and reflecting on past performances, one gets the idea that the Jacks have depth but lack key players at most spots. State would be in a better position this year if the unlimited substitution rule had remained unchanged but the coaches feel that college football will benefit in the long run from the new regulations.

Four offensive and five defensive regular positions were held down by the 16 lettermen returning but few players on the squad have seen regular action both ways.

Lettermen who have completed their competition include Roger Andersen, tackle; Bob Durland, all-conference guard in 1951; Dick Eitrem, defensive back; Lou Guida, all-loop guard last year; Don Holliday, center; Gene Juve, halfback; Leonard Kortmeyer, all-conference center in 1952; Bob Lanphere, halfback; Fred Peterson, tackle; Pete Retzlaff, all-league fullback in 1951 and 1952 as well as State College record-holder in ground gaining; Jack Richardson, end; Don Veal, tackle; Charles Wahl, end, and Forrest Zimmermann, quarterback.

After spring practice, prospects by position appear like this:

Ends: Two major lettermen are returning and the rest of the candidates are sophomores. Although short on experience, the sophomores are an above average group with good depth. Some of the candidates may be shifted to bolster other positions. Expected to join the squad this fall is Jim Lee of Yankton. Lee was on the freshman team last year but missed the spring quarter.

BRUCE R. BEIER, 5-10, 185, 19, Sophomore, Pharmacy. Played six-man football in high school. A student of the game with lots of drive, he has promise of becoming a good player. Played under Coach Ted Morgan at Freeman.

MYRON H. ENGLE, 5-11, 180, 19, Sophomore, Agriculture. Has the desire to become a good, rugged performer. Excels at blocking. Len Romsdell was his coach at Wagner.

LOREN H. ENGLUND, 6-2, 188, 21, Senior, Physical Education. Regular offensive end in 1952 and stood out in spring drills. Good pass receiver and aggressive on defense. "Pinky" should have a great year. Played at Clark under Coach Gene McGinty.

ALLAN A. FARBER, 6-2, 196, 20, Sophomore, Agriculture. A fine prospect, Al should develop into an excellent player. Bob Howells was his coach at Walnut Grove, Minn.

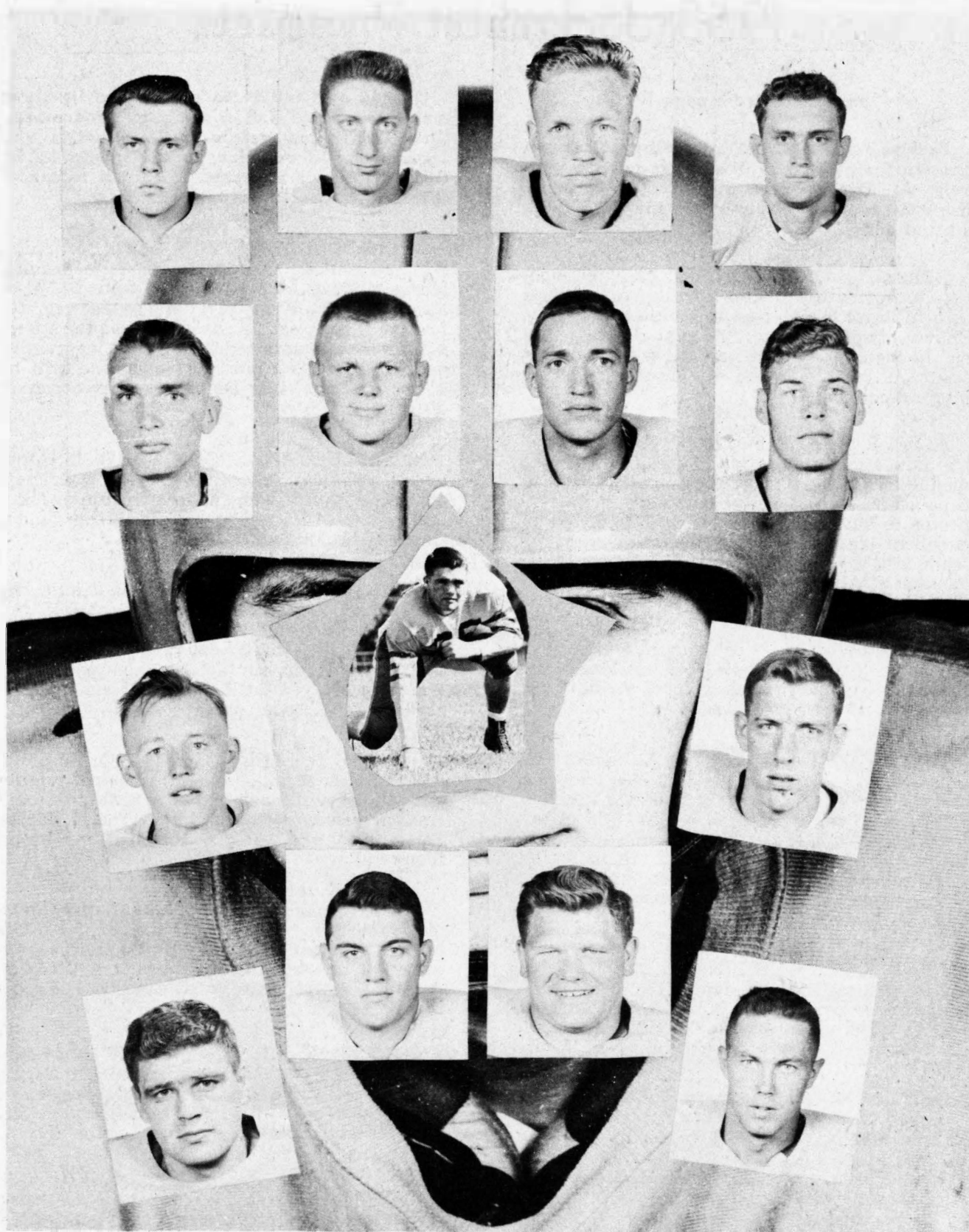
WILLIAM L. HERMAN, 6-1, 175, 19, Sophomore, General Registration. Bill was a star on the 1952 freshman team and in spring practice. Is fast, clever and aggressive. Could become great. Red Clinker was his coach at Watertown.

ADRIAN L. KOOL, 6-1, 201, 20, Sophomore, Physical Education. "Abe" is the younger brother of Marv Kool, captain and all-conference end in 1951. Rugged and steady, he should make the grade. Played at Hawarden, Iowa, under Coach Arnie Cook.

DONALD C. TUTTIE, 6-1, 184, 19, Sophomore, General Registration. With his desire, he should become a fine player. Ken Gerberdin at Arlington was his coach.

STANTON V. UHLIR, 6-6, 214, 20, Junior, Ag Economics. Big and rugged, he has lots of potential. He can be a big factor in the success of the team. Holds high school basketball tourney records of 92 points in three games and 50 in a single tilt. Played at Kadoka under Coach Bud Clifford.

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ENDS—Bruce Beier, Myron Engle, Loren Englund, Allan Farber, Bill Herman, Adrian Kool, Donald Tuttle, Stan Uhler.

TACKLES—Jerry Acheson, Co-captain Alan Evans, Milo Gaul, Les Gieneart, Dennis McLaughlin, Jack Nitz, Leland Rayhill.

1953 Jackrabbit Prospects

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Tackles — All three returning lettermen have in the past concentrated on defense with only Al Evans playing much on offense. Several promising sophomores may see quite a bit of action.

GERALD S. ACHESON, 6-1, 192, 19, Sophomore, Agriculture. Won a freshman numeral as a fullback but shifted to tackle last spring. Shows lots of promise. One of the fastest men on the squad. Jerry is football-wise and conscientious. Clyde Cotton at Flandreau was his high school coach.

ALAN R. EVANS, 6-0, 197, 20, Senior Physical Education. Co-captain of the 1953 team, he won letters in the past two seasons. Steady and capable, he had a good year in 1951 and is expected to have a banner season. Should be an excellent captain. Was also captain of wrestling team last winter. Played under Coach Mylo Jackson at Aberdeen Central.

MILO F. GAUL, 6-3, 187, 20, Sophomore, Engineering. Won his freshman numeral as a tackle and defensive end. Mike has lots of desire but needs additional weight. Arnie Cook was his coach at Hawarden, Iowa.

LES J. GIENEART, 6-0, 186, 22, Senior, Industrial Arts. Barge lettered in 1950 and 1952 and served in the Korean War during the 1951 campaign. Played fine ball on the 1950 championship team but has been unable to regain his best playing weight of 205. Rugged and aggressive. Everyone is pulling for him to have a fine year. Married. Jay Johnstone was his coach at Marshall, Minn.

DENNIS McLAUGHLIN, 6-2, 215, 21, Sophomore, Animal Husbandry. Freshman numeral winner who looked good in spring drills. Mac has lots of power and is willing. Played under Coach Jay Johnstone at Marshall, Minn.

JACK D. NITZ, 6-0, 224, 19, Junior, Science. Lettered last year as he played outstanding ball on defense. Looked good on offense and defense in spring practice. Smart and a good leader. Played under Coach Harold White at Brookings.

LELAND K. RAYHILL, 6-0, 190, 20, Sophomore, Engineering. Played defensive end in winning freshman numeral but was shifted to tackle last spring. Should be a comer. Played at Martin under Coach Scott.

Guards — Candidates are topped by three major lettermen and some good sophomores. They lack some weight but are active and aggressive. In addition to the group listed, Cliff Groseth is expected to return to school this fall after missing the spring term.

ARLIN W. ANDERSON, 5-10, 192, 20, Senior, Ag Economics. Co-captain for the coming season, Swede lettered in 1951 and '52. Saw action on both offense and defense last year before being injured at midseason. Was the stand-out lineman in spring drills. Smart, aggressive and eager, he is a natural leader and will be a fine captain. Lee Dolan was his coach at Milbank.

RICHARD T. ANDERSON, 5-9, 170, 19, Sophomore, Physical Education. Dick is a scrappy, aggressive guard who made a freshman numeral last fall. Played at Mound, Minn., under Coach H. S. Bachus.

EMERY W. BRAA, 5-10, 180, 20, Junior, Ag Education. Won a minor letter last fall. An all-round performer, he performed well in spring drills. A tough competitor. Won state heavyweight amateur boxing title last winter. Married. Played at Luverne, Minn., under Coach Arling Anderson.

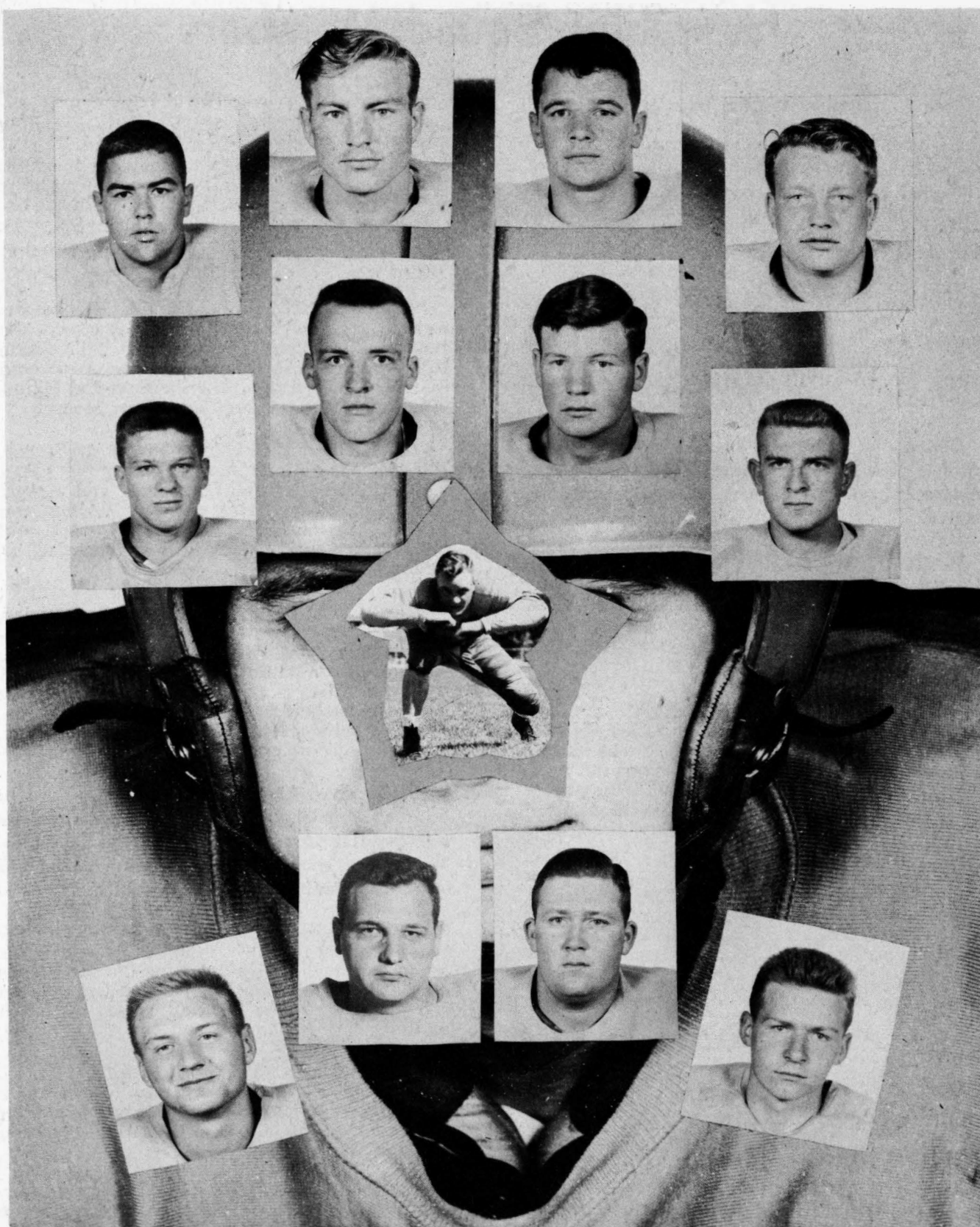
RONALD E. FLEMING, 5-11, 180, 19, Sophomore, Engineering. A frosh numeral winner last fall, he will make his mark in college ball. An aggressive player who likes it rough. Nusier Salem was his coach at Cathedral high in Sioux Falls.

ROGER D. KERNS, 5-8, 180, 20, Junior, Physical Education. A letterman in 1952, he was a regular on offense. Has a terrific charge. Aggressive and adventurous, he is a great competitor. Harold White was his coach at Brookings.

DONALD R. KRULL, 5-11, 185, 18, Sophomore, Wildlife. Was hampered in spring drills by an injury but Doner has the desire and is tough. Won a freshman numeral last fall. Good tackler. Played at Worthington, Minn., under Coach Lem Herting.

VERNON F. MEWS, 5-10, 189, 19, Sophomore, Agriculture. A tough, alert, slashing performer on defense, he needs work on offense. Won a frosh numeral. Glen Tews was his coach at Windom, Minn.

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GUARDS—Dick Anderson, Emery Braa, Ron Fleming, Roger Kerns, Donald Krull, Vernon Mews, Dick Walker, John Winkle, Co-captain Arlin Anderson.

CENTERS—Hank Backlund, Dick Klawitter, Howard Robel, Pete Shaputis.

Jackrabbit Squad Members

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RICHARD C. WALKER, 5-11, 194, 21, Senior, Engineering. Lettered the past two seasons. Dick has made fine progress in college after playing six-man football in high school. Has played mostly defense at guard and tackle. Orville Nerium was his coach at Barnard.

JOHN R. WINKLE, 5-11, 185, 19, Sophomore, Engineering. A dependable performer whose driving for improvement will make him a fine college player. Frosh numeral winner last year. Played at Huron under Coach Dwayne Clodfelter.

Centers — This spot should be well taken care of with two lettermen heading the candidates. Two top reserves are also ready for action.

HAROLD BACKLUND, 6-2, 198, 20, Junior, Pharmacy. Hank lettered in 1951 and '52. Has been mostly a defensive linebacker but is an excellent passer on offense. Looked good this spring and should have a good year. Red Clincker was his coach at Watertown.

DOMINIC P. KLAWITTER, 6-6, 258, 23, Sophomore, Physical Education. Dick lettered last year as a defensive tackle but was shifted to center in spring drills and performed well. The biggest man on the squad. He has great potential ability and great things are expected of him. Played under Coach Lloyd Pekelsma at Bowen high school, Chicago.

HOWARD J. ROBEL, 5-10, 252, 21, Junior, Physical Education. A steady performer who can add lots of beef to the line. Won a freshman numeral in 1950. Butch's biggest problem is keeping his weight down. A good place kicker. Lee Dolan was his coach at Milbank.

PETER P. SHAPUTIS, 6-0, 180, 19, Sophomore, Physical Education. An excellent offensive blocker, he learned lots of defense in spring practice. Won a freshman numeral last fall and should do well in college ball. Von Bremer was his coach at Lindbloom high school, Chicago.

Quarterbacks — This vital position in the split-T offense does not have a seasoned veteran among the candidates. However the coaches are encouraged by the fine crop of young players available and predict some sharp play from the quarterback spot.

PHILIP W. EDWARDS, 6-0, 165, 19, Sophomore, Physical Education. Phil earned a minor award last year but missed spring drills because of an injury suffered in a car accident. He has the savvy, is a nifty ball handler, and is a good passer. Has the all-around ability to become an excellent quarterback but needs work and experience. A. C. Nuckols was his coach at Glenwood, Iowa.

PETER FRANZ, 5-11, 178, 19, Sophomore, Agriculture. A hard and willing worker, Pete earned a freshman numeral last fall. Made good progress in spring practice and is expected to develop into a fine player. Played at Mountain Lake, Minn., under Coach Burt Monson.

DONALD R. NEHOWIG, 5-10, 158, 21, Senior, Physical Education. A member of the squad last year, Don is a clever player and a good team man. Played two years at Worthington junior college. Earned letters in track and baseball last spring. Loe Teie was his coach at Fargo, N. D., Central.

VIRGIL T. RILEY, 6-3, 191, 19, Sophomore, Mathematics. Virg looked good on many occasions last year when he won a letter. His size and passing ability make him an excellent prospect. His work last spring shows he promises to become a topflight quarterback. Also earned a letter in basketball last winter. Virg Sandvig was his coach at Dell Rapids.

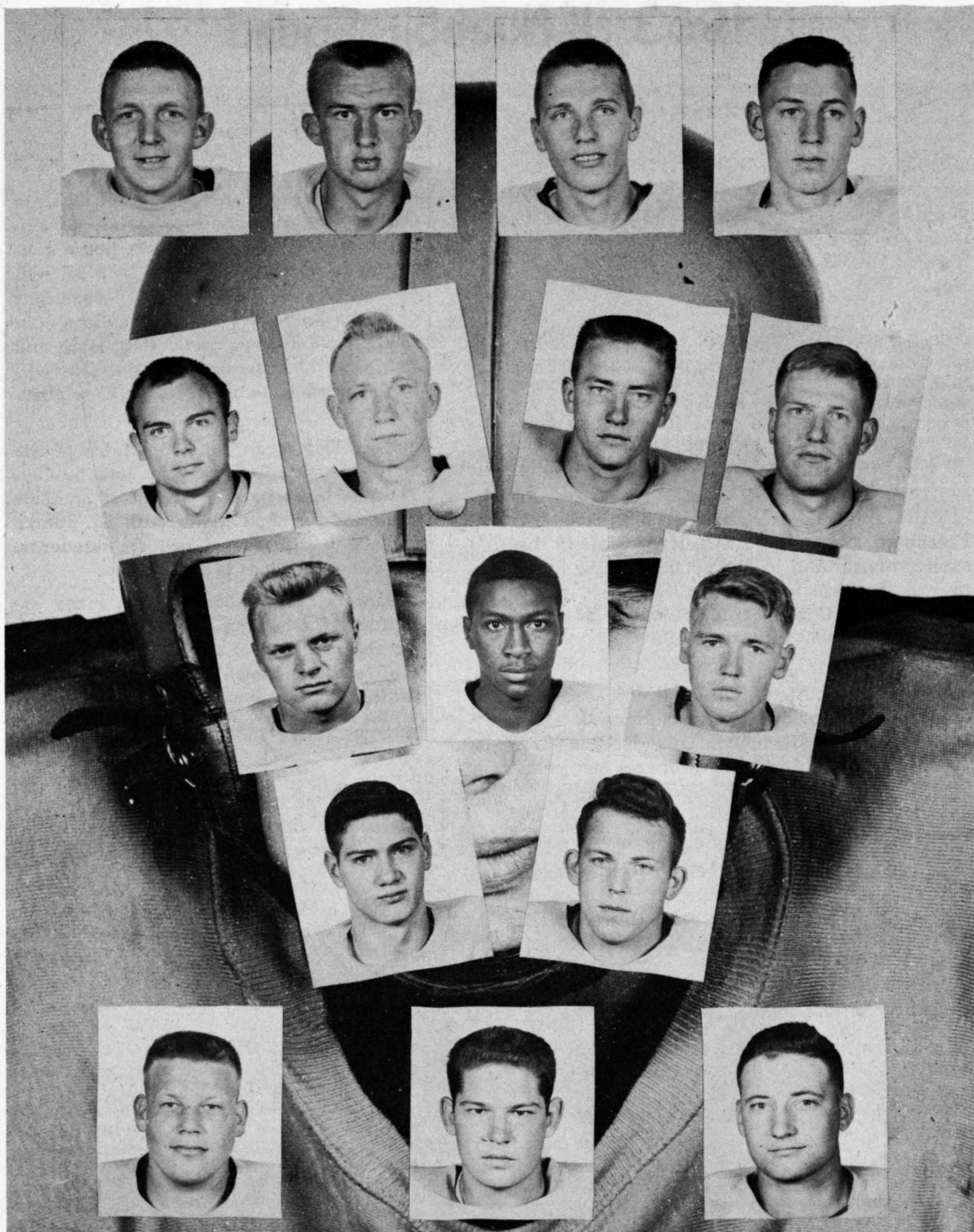
Halfbacks — Four lettermen are on hand to bolster the halfback positions but only one has seen regular duty on both offense and defense. These spots should be manned adequately and some fine play is expected from the candidates.

ROGER ANDERBERG, 5-6, 158, 19, Sophomore, Engineering. With his desire and drive, Andy is a real ball player for his size. Does everything well. One of four married men on the squad. Dwayne Clodfelter was his coach at Huron.

KENNETH D. ASHMORE, 5-11, 170, 19, Sophomore, Physical Education. Kenny is a fine punter and looked good in all phases of the game in spring drills. His coach at Lemmon was Gib Bruns.

ROGER W. DENKER, 6-0, 188, 20, Junior, Physical Education. Denk is probably the hardest running back on the squad. Was hampered last year with an injury but earned a minor letter. May also play at fullback. Played at Redfield under Coach Kenny Greeno.

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QUARTERBACKS—Phil Edwards, Pete Franz, Don Nehowig, Virg Riley.

HALFBACKS—Roger Anderberg, Ken Ashmore, Roger Denker, Ron Erickson, Cliff Jensen, Bill McDonald, Ken McKenzie, Mike Radtke, Jerry Welch.

FULLBACKS—Jim Carter, Buck Osborne, Dick Steiner.

1953 Jackrabbit Squad

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RONALD A. ERICKSON, 6-1, 188, 21, Junior, Physical Education. Lettered the past two years as a kickoff specialist. Red has the size, speed and passing ability to be a fine halfback. Showed lots of improvement in spring drills. Harold White was his coach at Brookings.

CLIFFORD W. JENSEN, 5-10, 172, 21, Junior, General Registration. Smokey is the fastest man on the squad. Lettered last year and saw some action both ways. Has the potential to become great. Is one of the top rodeo performers in the state. Played at White River under Coach Fred Littou.

WILLIAM E. McDONALD, 5-11, 165, 18, Freshman, Pharmacy. Bill entered State in the spring quarter and looked good in spring practice. A fine prospect who will be heard from. Played under Coach Ernie Slessinger at Fifth Ave. high school, Pittsburgh, Pa.

KENNETH H. McKENZIE, 5-9, 166, 18, Sophomore, Agriculture. A tough player with wonderful reactions, Kenny is considered a fine prospect. Won a freshman numeral last year. Glenn Burgess was his coach at Gregory.

MARLIN B. RADTKE, 6-0, 172, 20, Junior, Pharmacy. Lettered last year on the defensive platoon and has worked some at quarterback. He has the proper desire and team spirit. Played at Fairbault, Minn., under Coach Ralph Lucksinger.

JERRY G. WELCH, 5-11, 185, 20, Junior, Physical Education. Many expect Jerry to become one of State's all-time great players. He lettered in 1951 and '52 and was the leading scorer last year with 12 touchdowns. Jerry can run, kick, pass and play defense with the best. Should be one of the top backs in the conference this fall. Howie Straiton was his coach at Marshall high school, Minneapolis, Minn.

Fullbacks—Candidates have quite a tradition to live up to as State has had an all-conference fullback for the last four years. Bill Gibbons, the great blocker and runner in 1949 and '50.

Special Days

Three of the games on the 1953 State College home schedule have been designated special days. The first home contest against Iowa Teachers, Sept. 26, will be Friendly Neighbor Night. Delegations of towns and cities near the college join in a program of goodwill, friendship and fun. Special attractions for the kids will be featured in this third annual celebration.

Hobo Day, one of the highlights of the state's activities every year, will be Oct. 17. The huge parade will start at 10:00 a.m. and the ball game with St. John's at 2:00 p.m. The dance for students, alumni and friends is at 8:00 p.m.

Parents Day is Oct. 24 with many attractions for parents on the program during the day. One of the highlights will be the football game with North Dakota State in the evening.

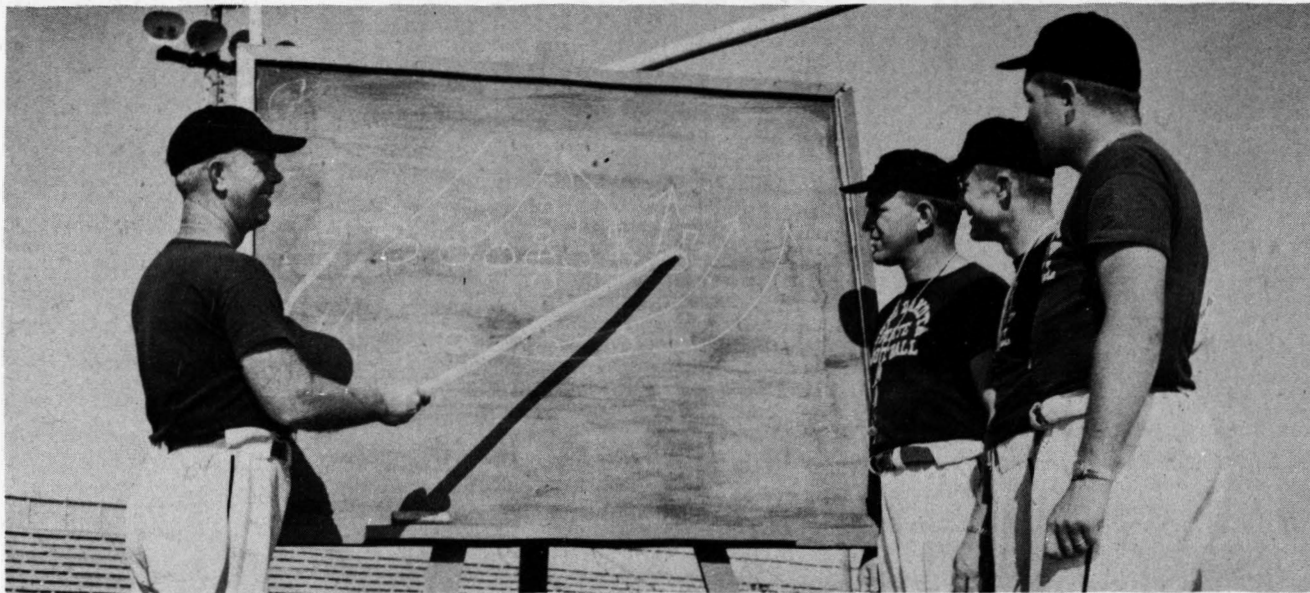
and Pete Retzlaff, the record-breaking ground gainer, the past two seasons. One letterman is available. In addition to those listed, Roger Denker may be switched from halfback.

JAMES L. CARTER, 5-11, 196, 19, Sophomore, Social Science. Jim is the hard-driving type of fullback. He has the potential and will make progress. Kenny Greeno was his coach at Redfield.

ALLAN R. OSBORNE, 5-11, 185, 22, Senior, Physical Education. Buck is a good, rugged football player with lots of potential ability. He has never realized his potential because of injuries. Everyone is pulling for him to have "that big year" in his final season. Most of his action has been on defense. Played at Aberdeen under Coach Mylo Jackson.

RICHARD L. STEINER, 6-0, 214, 19, Sophomore, Wildlife. Dick was a standout in spring drills. He is rugged and has lots of power. Is working hard on improving his blocking. A fine kicker. Played under Coach Cliff Bohmback at Ortonville, Minn.

State Coaches Map Strategy



Mapping strategy for the next game are the members of the State College football coaching staff. Head Coach Ralph Ginn describes the running of a play to (left to right) Bob Danielsen, line coach, Erv Huether, backfield coach, and Harold Holmes, freshman coach.

Competition Completed



Members of the 1952 Jackrabbit team who completed their competition last year line up for a final picture. Left to right are Bob Lanphere, Lou Guida, Dick Eitrem, Gene Juve, Gus Hamm, Don Holliday, Bob Durland, Leonard Kortmeyer, Forrest Zimmermann, Jack Richardson, Fred Petersen, Chuck Wahl, Don Veal and the 1952 co-captains, Roger Andersen and Pete Retzlaff.

Traveling With the Team

Photographer Records Impressions Of State's Football Trips

By Woodrow Wentzy, Head of Audio-Visual and Photography at SDSC

Photographers are a sorry lot!

That is, photographers that travel with athletic teams. We sweat blood to permanently record on film the exploits of the great, near great, and the also-rans. We stand in the cold, rain and snow without protection. We operate under all types of conditions — in press boxes, on press boxes, and in the stands (so people can get their heads in the way).

Our troubles started back in 1947 when the present athletic administration decided that motion pictures of their football games would be beneficial. Now don't get us wrong. We welcomed the opportunity to do this type of work — we liked the trips and we were sold on what we were doing. We didn't however, realize what was going to be involved in the years ahead.

When most people get cold they shiver. Shivering doesn't make much difference to the average individual, but to the movie photographer it's rather disconcerting. Unfortunately when you shiver you move and the camera moves with you. At Morningside several years ago the temperature was ten degrees above zero and there was a 30 mile an hour gale driving down from the north. Camera location: outside. Film quality: shakey.

Being stalwart characters we can take the cold. It's the rain that causes major difficulty. At St. Cloud two years ago it poured the entire game. Because of a small press box we were forced to shoot outside with no protection for operator or camera. This created a problem because we were constantly shorting out as our electric supply cord got wet. Because of shocks we finally completed the game using the hand-wind crank.

The only thing that kept us going was the knowledge that after the game we would get a good meal (steak or chicken). Perhaps you should understand that when you travel with athletic teams you eat early. For example, a contest starting at 8:00 p. m. calls for eating between 4 and 5 o'clock. By 10:00 or 10:30 that night it isn't only the players that are ravenous.

Following the game that night it was necessary to spend about 30 minutes taking the cameras apart to dry them (as well as the camera operator). Rushing from our hotel room to meet the team we were told that the management hadn't provided meals for the "excess personnel." Have you ever tried to get a complete meal at 11:00 p. m.? Maidrite hamburgers can be good, as can malted milks. Somehow they don't always provide complete satisfaction.



Students cheer Jackrabbits at games away from home



Crowd meets team returning from game

And then there was the time that State College almost lost a photographer. It was one of those windy days that only North Dakota can have. If you've ever been on top of the press box at the University of North Dakota you'll know that the distance straight up (or down!) is a good 50 feet. No soft cushion of grass beneath, but a solid slab of concrete. We don't carry a wind velocity meter with us but we can say without fear of contradiction that the wind speed that day wasn't a mile less than 50 m.p.h. In trying to tie the camera down on the roof top we stepped back. In looking back we saw that one foot was halfway off the roof and only a lunge forward saved the day (an aside to members of the athletic staff: you don't have to worry — the precious camera equipment was secure, as it always is).

When we went to Wayne university (Detroit) we made prior arrangements to operate from inside the press box. Upon arrival at the field it was raining and snowing at the same time. To make matters worse our place inside the box was taken. No amount of begging or threatening could secure an out of the weather location. We did manage to find a piece of canvas to throw over the equipment. Strangely enough the film of that game was one of our better films that season (which goes to show you that the weather doesn't mean much).

Have you ever stopped to think what a job it is to move a travelling squad of from 35 to 40 men? Transportation is usually accomplished by chartered bus and automobile, though long trips are sometimes taken by train. Feed-

ing that many men is a problem because of the space required and also because of the special menu (baked potato at ten in the morning, for example).

Although these long trips are tiresome, most of the squad seem to find something to do. Usually you can find several card games going on with the men sitting on suitcases in the aisles. Others occupy their time in reading or sleeping. The squad of 1950 was always properly entertained enroute to games because they had Stan Marshall — imitator extraordinary.

Bed-check is always one of those things that all squads must put up with. If its before a game bed-check usually comes between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m. Following a game it isn't so early. Even photographers are subject to this bed-check business, although for some strange reason it usually comes about 3:00 a.m.

After traveling with teams for a few years you can usually tell the frame of mind of the squad by hanging around the dressing room prior to game time. There isn't much horseplay preceding a tough game and the air is charged with a certain tenseness.

One of the greatest thrills we have had came at the conclusion of the 1950 season. We arrived back in Brookings from the Wayne (Detroit) trip. It was late at night and cold. As the train pulled into the station we heard the chorus of "Yellow & Blue." The band, president of the college, and a large group of students and Brookings residents were there to meet the team. It was a wonderful homecoming to conclude a wonderful season.

ALL-TIME GRID RECORD

	Won	Lost	Tie	Points	Opp.		Won	Lost	Tie	Points	Opp.
1889	0	0	1	6	6	1925	2	3	2	20	45
1897	0	1	0	0	22	1926	8	0	3	157	24
1898	1	1	1	68	11	1927	5	3	1	189	89
1899	3	1	0	90	62	1928	9	1	0	230	25
1900	4	1	0	128	23	1929	5	4	1	237	55
1901	3	2	0	102	44	1930	2	6	1	48	187
1902	3	2	0	67	21	1931	6	3	0	194	78
1903	1	2	0	28	95	1932	2	5	1	70	96
1904	4	2	1	90	27	1933	6	3	0	118	73
1905	2	3	0	74	122	1934	6	4	0	189	72
1906	3	1	0	52	34	1935	4	4	1	123	92
1907	5	2	0	108	42	1936	3	6	1	51	116
1908	3	3	1	56	61	1937	4	5	0	102	147
1909	1	3	0	61	28	1938	3	5	0	69	109
1910	4	2	2	76	64	1939	7	2	0	141	95
1911	4	4	0	60	89	1940	4	3	1	78	47
1912	2	3	1	46	136	1941	2	5	0	32	131
1913	5	3	0	147	82	1942	4	4	0	65	92
1914	5	2	0	93	60	1943	No Football				
1915	5	1	1	163	7	1944	1	1	0	13	27
1916	4	2	0	100	76	1945	1	4	1	51	144
1917	5	1	0	149	84	1946	3	3	2	131	76
1918	No games — War					1947	4	5	0	123	210
1919	4	1	1	78	20	1948	4	6	0	107	203
1920	4	2	1	66	27	1949	7	3	0	183	175
1921	7	1	0	255	38	1950	9	0	1	381	116
1922	5	2	1	202	57	1951	8	1	1	311	105
1923	3	4	0	121	85	1952	4	4	1	287	230
1924	6	1	0	91	28						
						Totals	219	146	29	6277	4310

Record in North Central Conference Football

Year	Won	Lost	Tie	Points	Opp.	Place
1922	4	1	1	111	37	Champion
1923	2	3	0	78	51	Fourth
1924	5	0	0	75	16	Champion
1925	1	1	2	13	25	Fifth
1926	3	0	2	56	14	Champion
1927	2	2	0	90	36	Third
1928	3	1	0	53	19	Second
1929	2	1	1	50	7	Second
1930	1	3	0	13	64	Fourth
1931	2	2	0	33	44	Second
1932	1	2	1	32	31	Fourth
1933	4	0	0	66	15	Champion
1934	2	2	0	65	19	Fourth
1935	1	3	1	39	48	Tie for third
1936	1	4	1	19	59	Seventh
1937	2	3	0	44	58	Fourth
1938	2	3	0	48	76	Fourth
1939	4	1	0	68	53	Co-Champion
1940	2	3	1	16	50	Fifth
1941	1	5	0	18	131	Seventh
1942	3	3	0	45	64	Fourth
1943-45 — No Conference competition						
1946	2	1	2	52	18	Third
1947	3	1	0	60	38	Third
1948	2	4	0	53	127	Tie for fourth
1949	5	1	0	129	90	Co-Champion
1950	5	0	1	220	81	Champion
1951	4	1	1	168	84	Second
1952	3	2	1	215	153	Tie for third
Totals	72	53	15	1929	1508	



Other Sports Claim Attention

One of the other sports that shares the spotlight with football at South Dakota State College is track. Last spring this five-man team of thinclads, encouraged by Coach Jim Emmerich, won the first national team championship in the history of State College. With every man helping the team effort, the Jacks won the top spot at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) meet.

Shown in the picture admiring the championship trophy are (kneeling) Russ Nash, Academy, and Arlin Patrick, White, while standing are Jack Pearson, Madison, John Popowski, Aberdeen, Pete Retzlaff, Ellendale, N. D., and Coach Emmerich.

Retzlaff successfully defended his shot put and discus titles, setting new records in both events. Nash was first in the mile run and third in the two-mile. Pearson placed second in the mile and Patrick was fifth in that race. Popowski was fifth in the 400 meter hurdles.

Emmerich's lads also successfully defended their North Central Conference title and earned top places in meets throughout the area. They were undefeated in team meets.

Another important sport on the sports scene is baseball. State diamondmen racked up another successful season last spring although cold and wet weather connived to prevent the Jacks from practicing enough.

Coach Ery Huether's crew won six and lost four, one of the defeats being at the hands of the professional Sioux Falls Canaries. With most of the team back for another season, State

hopes for the future look bright in this popular sport.

Wrestling made further progress during the past year. The newest major sport at State College attracted new interest on the campus and throughout the State. Coach Harold Holmes' team won three and lost four of the meets on the ambitious schedule but three of the losses were to major teams. Further improvement and interest is expected as South Dakotans learn the values in this scientific sport which is so different from the professional variety.

As always, basketball provided many thrills for sports fans during the winter. State fielded an interesting team which pulled several startling surprises. The young Jackrabbit club started defending champion North Dakota State down the trail of defeat and pounded out a 66-40 decision over the 1953 champions, Iowa Teachers.

Although the season's record was about .500, Coach R. B. "Jack" Frost's boys learned lots of basketball which should be of value in years to come. Nine of the top 12 players will be back this season in addition to one of the finest freshman teams in recent years.

Cross country, golf and tennis were minor sports on the State College athletic program with the cross country team attracting the most attention. Coach Jim Emmerich's harriers split in two dual meets and placed second in two invitational meets. Jack Pearson and Russ Nash placed first and third in the Junior National AAU meet and in the top 16 in the NCAA contest.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

South Dakota State College

1953

Sept. 19—Marquette at Milwaukee, Wisc.

Sept. 26—Iowa Teachers (Friendly Neighbor Night)

Oct. 3—North Dakota U. at Grand Forks

Oct. 10—Augustana at Sioux Falls

Oct. 17—St. John's (Hobo Day)

Oct. 24—North Dakota State (Parents Day)

Oct. 31—South Dakota U.

Nov. 7—Morningside at Sioux City, Iowa

Nov. 14—Wichita U. at Wichita, Kans.

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